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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Assistant Director, Central Reference

SUBJECT : CIA-ATIC Agreement on Release of CIA-Produced  
Intelligence and Intelligence Information to  
ATIC Contractors

1. Your proposed memorandum of 21 November 1958 to the DDCI, subject as above, has been reviewed and it has been determined that this Office cannot concur in your recommendations or in Part III of the agreement.
2. As noted in the Security Statement, which is an Annex to the proposed agreement, this Office is prepared to accept clearances granted by the Air Force and it is felt that suitable arrangements in this connection can subsequently be made with the security officer of ATIC.
3. It is felt, however, that a security matter of greater significance is involved in that it has always been the policy of this Agency to security approve Agency contractors only for a particular limited purpose and to disseminate to them only that classified information which is absolutely necessary for them to perform their duties under the contract. This procedure is designed to insure that sources and methods are adequately protected and that the individuals involved have access to only that information for which there is an absolute "need to know."
4. Since it is understood that Part III of the proposed agreement would permit the dissemination to Air Force contractors of complete reports of finished intelligence and other materials, it is believed that without further amplification, Part III would result in a loss of control which would permit dissemination to Air Force contractors of materials not ordinarily disseminated to Agency contractors under current policy.
5. It is felt that this matter is of such significance that it should be remedied in the agreement and not be left to collateral agreements which could be subjected to misinterpretations and misunderstandings.

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6. It is also noted that your second recommendation would establish Agency policy to the extent of automatically extending the proposed agreement to any contractor of a USIB member, subject to acceptance by the Director of Security of the security standards and implementation thereof of the Agency involved.

7. Although this Office is in complete sympathy with efforts to permit the freer use of CIA-produced intelligence and intelligence information, it is felt that the matter of dissemination to contractors should be handled on an individual Agency basis as the need arises and requests are received. In this connection, it should be recognized that the Security Annex was designed on the basis of the understanding that this agreement was applicable to the problems encountered with respect to the Air Force. Any extension of this agreement to other agencies would necessitate further security considerations designed to meet the particular problems encountered in the agency involved.

8. In view of the above, it is suggested as follows:

a. That Part III of the proposed agreement be revised to state:

Part III. Finished Intelligence and Miscellaneous Documents

Definition: This category includes that finished intelligence and those miscellaneous surveys, summaries, translations, lists, committee reports, guides, aids, handbooks, reviews, studies, briefs, working papers, and reports prepared by various offices within Central Intelligence Agency, normally released to AFICIN.

Procedures: ATIC will release these items to [ ] and other contractors on the basis of controls affixed to the document concerned and will release materials not bearing a control to contractors, other than [ ] either in the form of TIPS as defined in Part I A, or in such manner as to insure that the information released is confined to that absolutely necessary for the performance of the contract, is not attributable to CIA and contains no information concerning sources and methods. Questions regarding release of any documents within this category will be referred to the originating office through the Liaison Branch, Liaison and Collection Division, OCR, CIA.

b. That the second recommendation of your memorandum be eliminated in that this agreement is directed to a special problem and was not intended to be a policy of CIA applicable

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to all USIB member departments and agencies. In this connection the agreement and Security Annex are applicable to the special system of dissemination and contractual relationships peculiar to the Air Force. In like manner, most other members of the USIB have various contractual arrangements for services which are adapted to the particular needs and requirements of the agency concerned. These arrangements are not uniform and this Agency must review each on its own merits where Agency information is involved. This Office is prepared in the future to review individual agreements with other members of the USIB as the need arises and is requested. Such agreements, including the security factors involved, should be designed to meet the particular arrangements and procedures of the interested agency.

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